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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will continue to be open to purse seining through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2013:

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located one nautical south of Point Augusta Light);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to South Passage Point Light to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point;

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2013:**

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: **For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 160,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,155,000 available for common property harvest. Fishermen can expect openings on Sundays and Thursdays through July 7. After July 7, openings may be affected by the need to secure broodstock. On June 23, the average weight of chum salmon was 8.5 pounds and the sex ratio was 64% male. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The total pink salmon harvest for the Point Augusta index fishery was three times the 10-year average for this date.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, **June 28, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S1713.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26
Preliminary Estimates compiled June 25, 2013

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2*	0	1,000	1,500	2,700	22,000	27,200	41
Deep Inlet THA	500	100	10	5	48,000	48,615	16
Hidden Falls THA	300	550	70	700	74,000	75,620	65
Point Augusta	2	240	25	3,700	7,300	11,267	14
Tenakee Inlet	1	75	50	1,200	4,000	5,326	4

Area	FISH PER BOAT						Total
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2*	0	24	37	66	537	663	
Deep Inlet THA	31	6	1	0	3,000	3,038	
Hidden Falls THA	5	8	1	11	1,138	1,163	
Point Augusta	0	4	0	57	112	173	
Tenakee Inlet	0	1	1	18	62	82	

Section 13-C: confidential.

*District 2 numbers are for the first 2 days of fishing.

Kendrick Bay THA: 1,000 chums to date.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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